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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q88235

Kazufumi YAZAKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/538,291

Group Art Unit: 1652

Confirmation No.: 9414

Examiner: M.Y. Meah

Filed: June 10, 2005

For: METHOD FOR SELECTING ESCHERICHIA COLI STRAIN WHICH HIGHLY EXPRESSES EXOGENOUS GENES, ESCHERICHIA COLI MUTANT STRAINS SELECTED BY THIS METHOD AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ENZYMES AND COMPOUNDS USING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Restriction Requirement dated September 22, 2006, and is being timely filed on October 23, 2006 (October 22nd being a Sunday).

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group II, Claims 4-16 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1-3 and 17-19.

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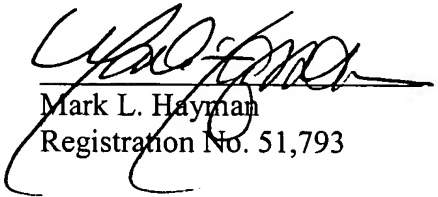
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